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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM LOCAL ROC JOURNALISTS ABOUT ADDRESS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR AT DINNER IN TAICHUNG APRIL 12. INQUIRIES BASED ON NEWS RELEASE DATED APRIL 13 FROM CHINA INFORMATION SERVICE ( CIS) NEW YORK OFFICE. STORY HEADED: " UNDERSTANDING OF US COMMITMENT TO TAIPEI WILL HELP REDUCE TENSION." STORY BEGINS: - TAIPEI CAN NEGOTIATE BETTER TO REMOVE TENSIONS WITH ANY OTHER CAPITALS WHEN THEY KNOW CLEARLY THE UNITED STATES STANDS SOLIDLY BEHIND ITS COMMITMENTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WALTER P. MCCONAUGHY, US AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SAID YESTERDAY. ADDRESSING A DINNER PARTY IN TAICHUNG IN CENTRAL TAIWAN, AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY SAID WASHINGTON'S STRONG DETERMINATION TO HONOR ITS DEFENSE COMMITMENTS AND MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC TIES WILL HELP THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN NEGOTIATIONS TO REMOVE SUCH TENSIONS." STORY THEN QUOTES AMBASSADOR AS FOLLOWS: " IN FACING THE FUTURE, WE CAN LOOK TO THE IMMEDIATE PAST AND SEE CLEARLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO REMOVE SOURCES OF TENSION ARE GREATLY FACILITATED

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WHEN THE WORLD KNOWS WE WILL STAND BY OUR COMMITMENTS."

2. INQUIRING ROC JOURNALISTS HERE INTERPRET THIS CIS  
STORY TO MEAN THAT US IS SETTING STAGE FOR ROC TO

NEGOTIATE WITH PRC. WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT, IF AVAIL-  
ABLE, OF PERTINENT PORTIONS OF AMBASSADOR' S REMARKS.

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